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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action has been carefully considered. The issues raised are traversed and addressed below with reference to the relevant headings and paragraph numbers appearing under the Detailed Action of the Office Action.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

In response to the Examiner's objections raised in paragraph 1 of the Office Action, claim 1 has been amended to introduce further distinctions over the prior art citation.

In particular, claim 1 has been amended to include the feature of programme control determined from encoded cards inserted into the camera containing instructions for the manipulation of the blurred images. A basis for this amendment can be found for example on Page 2, lines 22-26 where reference is made to the use of such cards encoded with information used for the manipulation of deblurred images.

In particular, the method involves the insertion of an encoded card so as to provide the ArtCam processor with a specified manipulation algorithm for the deblurring of the images. This allows different deblurring algorithms to be applied by the user through the selection of an appropriate card. This is not described anywhere in the cited prior art documents.

In view of this, we believe that the claims as amended are novel and inventive over the cited prior art.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the objections and claim rejections have been successfully traversed and addressed. The amendments do not involve adding any information that was not already disclosed in the specification, and therefore no new matter is added. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the claims 6 to 8, and the application as a whole with these claims, are allowable, and a favourable reconsideration is therefore earnestly solicited.

Very respectfully,

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